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Monarque se retrouve face à une opportunité inédite qu'il ne saurait manquer. Le monde est sur le point d'être reconfiguré , et personne ne semble être en mesure de l'empêcher... car les kwamis ont fait un choix qui a totalement détourné Marinette et Adrien de leurs responsabilités. Pour le meilleur, mais aussi pour le pire.

Monarch is faced with a unique opportunity that he refuses to miss. The world is about to be reconfigured, and no one seems able to prevent it… for the Kwamis have made a choice that completely distracted Marinette and Adrien from their responsibilities. For better… and for worse.

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1 **TV INSERT / EXT. OUTSIDE EIFFEL TOWER - DAY**

TV interview of Scarabella and Kitty Noire in the wake of their first mission. Reporter Clara Contard asks THE question:

1 CLARA CONTARD
Were Ladybug and Cat Noir forced to step down after Monarch stole several Miraculous from them?

2 SCARABELLA
I'm sure you'll understand that we can't answer that question. But Ladybug and Cat Noir have nothing to feel guilty about.

3 KITTY NOIRE
We'll accomplish our mission just like they did, because the goal we all share is to defeat Monarch, isn't it?

Clara Contard insists, trying to get a scoop anyway:

4 CLARA CONTARD
Or perhaps Ladybug and Cat Noir renounced their mission so they could finally live their love story?

5 SCARABELLA
They were never in love or in a relationship (amused smile) and neither are we!

6 KITTY NOIRE
So far anyway!

Scarabella gives Kitty Noire a knowing and amused smile.

7 SCARABELLA
Of course! We just met!

INSERT - Adrien is watching the TV report at home. The heroes' mischievousness makes him smile.

BACK ON: In front of a speechless Clara, the superheroes high five over their repartee. They finally introduce themselves in front of the cameras.

8 SCARABELLA (CONT'D)
(to Kitty Noire)
Scarabella, nice to meet you!

9 KITTY NOIRE
(to Scarabella)
Kitty Noire! I've got a feeling we're gonna get along!

10 KITTY NOIRE (CONT'D)
I'm sure we will!

As they take off flying, Clara hands back to Nadja Chamack in the studio.

11 NADJA CHAMACK
Well, Clara, seems like Paris now has two new heroines with strong personalities! Let's wish the best of luck to Scarabella and Kitty Noire!

2 **INT. ADRIEN'S ROOM - DAY**

Adrien turns his TV off, looking nostalgic. He stands up to play some foosball. He serves the ball and handles the rotating bars of foos men. But he’s bored. He checks his phone. Marinette's contact sheet. No new call.

CUT - he’s now unenthusiastically throwing a basketball. He checks his phone again. Still no call from Marinette.

3 **INT. ALYA'S ROOM - DAY**

Scarabella turns back into Alya and enters her room through the balcony. Tikki flies out of the earrings.

12 ALYA
So, tell me, Tikki, how'd I do?

13 TIKKI
You were fantastic, Alya!

Tikki heaves a soft, moved sigh that Alya misinterprets as disappointment.

14 ALYA
It’s the interview, wasn't it? Did I say something wrong? Oh no, don’t tell me I gave away my secret identity?!

15 TIKKI
No, no, you were perfect! It’s just... I was thinking about Marinette. I hope she’s okay.

Right then, Alya’s twin sisters open the door with no warning. Tikki barely has time to hide.

16 ELLA
Alya, Alya, Marinette's here!

Etta confirms, munching on a chouquette.

17 ETTA
She brought chouquettes!

Marinette appears, radiant, tousling the hair of the little twins in a friendly way. Alya is happy to see her.

18 ALYA
Marinette!

Marinette leaves the bag of chouquettes to the twins – they're stoked.

19 MARINETTE
Enjoy, you little tornadoes!

The twins disappear... like two tiny tornadoes! Alya closes the door behind Marinette and, as soon as they are alone, they hug warmly. Marinette smiles and whispers:

20 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Tikki couldn't have made a better choice to replace Ladybug!

Tikki comes out of her hiding place and gives a hug to her former holder.

21 TIKKI
Oh, Marinette!!!

Marinette winks at her:

22 MARINETTE
Well done Tikki!

Alya looks at Marinette, who looks really happy.

23 ALYA
Wow. This morning, my BFF couldn't leave her bed, drowning in a pool of her own tears, and suddenly, now look at those happy dry eyes and rosy cheeks...
(Alya gives Tikki a knowing look)
Did we miss an episode or something?

Marinette's phone rings. Adrien's face shows up on the screen. Marinette answers without hesitation.

24 MARINETTE
Adri-mine... uh, Adrien, haha! (...) You left your bag at my place?

Alya can't believe it. She whispers to Tikki:

25 ALYA
He left his bag... at her place?

Tikki looks intrigued. Alya and the kwami listen up.

26 MARINETTE
Yes... ah... uh... no, you can't come over... no, no... nothing serious! I... I'm just uh, shaving my socks... haha, I just hate lint! Sure, ok, I'll bring your bag to school tomorrow!
(she hangs up)
Gaaaah, shaving my socks!?
(MORE)

MARINETTE (CONT'D)
That makes no sense, I can't believe myself sometimes!

She then meets the questioning looks of Alya and Tikki.

27 ALYA
How many episodes did we miss?

28 MARINETTE
What? No, there's been no new episode!

29 ALYA
(not buying it)
Hold on, then, how did we go from "I'm pathetic and I'll never love again" to "Yay, I'm going out with Adrien"?

30 MARINETTE
I'm not going out with Adrien!

Alya switches to "investigation journalist" mode.

31 ALYA
Hum, but he did leave his bag, so he *was* over there, wasn't he?
(Thinks. Then, an epiphany)
Did you guys kiss?

32 MARINETTE
No!

33 ALYA
Did you at least hold hands?

34 MARINETTE
No we didn't!

35 ALYA
I got it! You finally told him you loved him!

This time, Marinette pauses. Alya and Tikki smile, exchanging a knowing look. But Marinette specifies:

36 MARINETTE
That's not exactly how it went!

Alya can't take it anymore:

37 ALYA
But then... exactly how *did* it go?

38 MARINETTE
Well... I raised my right hand! Or the left. Sometimes both. It depended.

39 ALYA
Alright, so I didn’t miss anything, we’re just back at episode 1!

Annoyed, Marinette tries to change the subject.

40 MARINETTE
How’s the new holder of the Black Cat Miraculous? You think she can handle Monarch? How about you? You know you can’t tell a thing to Nino. You sure it’s gonna be okay?

41 ALYA
Stop worrying about this stuff! Secret identities, the war on Monarch, that’s all Scarabella's and Kitty Noire’s problem now! You no longer have to worry about losing your Miraculous because of love. Just focus on Adrien! I’m sure you can do better than just raising your hands whenever he talks to you!

On Marinette, blushing, looking intimidated.

4 **EXT. PALACE / ROOF - DAY**

Meanwhile, Kitty Noire lands on the Palace roof and transforms back into Zoe. Plagg pops out of the ring, looking delighted.

42 PLAGG
Panache and repartee, you have my congratulations! You only lack one thing keeping you from being a perfect holder: a cheese cellar!

43 ZOE
(mischievous)
Then you'll be happy, Plagg! I live in a hotel and the restaurant has the largest cheese cellar in Paris! *

Plagg can't believe his ears; he gapes, tongue out, eyes out.

44 ZOE (CONT'D)
But you'll have to be very careful.

45 PLAGG
(Solemn)
I will, Zoe!

He disappears into her handbag. All we can hear is his voice.

46 PLAGG (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Careful is my middle name!

Zoe smiles, amused by the kwami.

5 **INT. PALACE / RESTAURANT - DAY**

The elevator door opens. Zoe tiptoes towards the kitchen, whose door is ajar.

But she runs into her sister, Chloe.

47 CHLOE
What are YOU doing here?! You and your dirty sneakers are not allowed inside the restaurant! The half-of-a-sister zone is limited to the freight elevator, the backstairs, and the broom closets! I warned you. Get ready to move back to New York! Moooooom!

But Zoe hastily tries to fix the situation.

48 ZOE
I'm sorry Chloe. It won't happen again. What can I do to make it up to you?

Chloe gives a faint, evil smile.

6 **INT. ZOE'S ROOM - DAY**

Zoe enters her room, stumbling under the weight of a huge pile of Chloe's stilettos that need to be cleaned. Plagg is outraged.

49 PLAGG
So... it looks like cheese and smells like cheese... but it's NOT cheese?!!! And it needs cleaning, too? HOW ABOUT I CATACLYSM THAT SISTER OF YOURS INSTEAD?!

Zoe holds him back, defeatist.

50 ZOE
It's pointless Plagg.

51 PLAGG
Zoe, you can't let her treat you that way! No one speaks to me like that! Just ask the T-Rexes... that is, if you can find one. BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT SO SMUG ANYMORE NOW, ARE THEY?!

52 ZOE
It's best to stay out of trouble in this family if I'm going to protect my secret identity, don't you think?

Plagg calms down, but he disagrees with Zoe.

53 PLAGG
You start by giving up cheese, and then you end up giving up on dignity, freedom and justice!

54 ZOE
I feel like you like to blow things out of proportion, don't you?

55 PLAGG
Yes, especially when I'm starving!

7 **INT. GABRIEL'S STUDY - DAY**

Gabriel reaches his study via the elevator that's bringing him back from the lair. He stands still for a while, then executes a discreet dance step. An unusual smile crosses his face (a song starts playing, like Fatboy Slim's "*Weapon of choice*" with Christopher Walken dancing in the video).

Gabriel starts dancing in his study alone, striding across the catwalk opposite his digital reading desk. CUT TO:

8 **INT. AGRESTE MANSION - HALL - DAY**

Gabriel dances his way up the stairs in the hall. Once he's reached the top, he slides down the rail. Once back at the bottom, he sees Nathalie standing in front of him. Stock still. Surprised. Icy.

56 NATHALIE
What has gotten into you?

Gabriel smiles:

57 GABRIEL
Can you smell that, Nathalie?

58 NATHALIE
Don't tell me you've been making pancakes again?

59 GABRIEL
No, Nathalie... Even better!

Nathalie doesn't understand. He puts a finger on his lips and says shh, looking all mysterious.

9 **INT. GABRIEL'S STUDY - DAY**

We find them in the study, where Gabriel activates his Alliance. The Emilie hologram appears:

60 EMILIE-ALLIANCE
Warning threshold exceeded: data beyond normal human capabilities have been recorded on two Alliances.

Gabriel displays new windows on his Alliance: a map of Paris with travel information, coordinates and images from Scarabella and Kitty Noire's fight against Bibou.

61 EMILIE-ALLIANCE (CONT'D)
Between 4:12pm and 4:26pm, Alya Cesaire travelled 148km. Zoe Lee traveled 152km. Their routes were 98% identical.

A proud Gabriel looks straight into Nathalie's eyes.

62 GABRIEL
Meet the new holders of the Miraculous.
(pulling up a picture of Alya on his Alliance)
Scarabella...
(pulling up a picture of Zoe on his Alliance)
And Kitty Noire!

On a stone-faced Nathalie.

63 NATHALIE
Congratulations, Gabriel.

He places his hands on the desk board to operate the elevator.

64 GABRIEL
Now I just need to find the right combination of powers to deceive them.

He steps on the elevator platform, happier and more confident than ever.

65 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
Can you smell it now, Nathalie? The smell of victory?

He goes down...

10 **INT. CRYPT**

Gabriel stands in front of Emilie's glass bubble.

66 GABRIEL
The day has come, my love. Soon, the Miraculous of the Ladybug and the Black Cat will be mine. I will finally unite them and make my wish. We'll be together again, at long last...

11 **INT. NATHALIE'S ROOM**

Meanwhile, in her room, Nathalie is watching a video of Emilie on the latter's phone (see episode ***Passion***).

67 NATHALIE
I miss you Emilie. But I'm so scared of the price Gabriel is willing to pay to bring you back...

12 **INT. LAIR**

Gabriel is in his lair. He talks to the 15 kwamis, enthusiastically explaining:

68 GABRIEL
The world is about to change, dear kwamis. And you are going to play your parts in this metamorphosis, here by my side.

69 ROARR
You always say that, and you always lose.

In a good mood, Gabriel approaches Roarr's cage. The brave kwami does not move, holding Gabriel's gaze. The other kwamis are shaking.

70 GABRIEL
You're not very kind Roarr, but you're not entirely wrong. But until now I did not know the secret identities of the Miraculous holders!

The panicked kwamis start whispering.

71 BARKK
Oh no, it can't be!

Sass tries to calm everyone down.

72 SASS
That's impossible! He's lying...

Gabriel continues, approaching Sass, amused.

73 GABRIEL
We have to seize opportunities and learn from our mistakes, don't we?

The kwamis hold their breath.

74 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
I'll start by akumatizing someone... to force the new holders, Alya Cesaire and Zoe Lee...

This comes as a revelation to the kwamis, who look at each other. Their guardian's no longer a holder!?

75 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
...to turn into Scarabella and Kitty Noire.

Gabriel very theatrically turns to Nooroo.

76 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
Nooroo, dark wings rise!

Nooroo goes into the Miraculous. **Gabriel transforms into Monarch.** He carries on.

77 MONARCH
Then, I'll freeze them when they try to transform.

Monarch presses an Alliance with the seal of the bee against Pollen's techno-magical cage.

78 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Pollen, your power is now mine.

The power is transferred to the ring where the seal lights up yellow.

79 MONARCH (CONT'D)
And I'll be able to catch them both at once, for I'll be plenty.

As he talks, Monarch moves to Mullo's techno-magic cage, and presses the ring with the seal of the mouse against it.

80 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Mullo, your power is now mine.

The ring lights up gray.

81 MONARCH (CONT'D)
They won't see me coming, for I'll be invisible. Orikko, your power is now mine.

The ring with the logo of the rooster lights up.

82 MONARCH (CONT'D)
No one will be able to harm me, for I will be invulnerable. Stompp, your power is now mine.

The ring with the buffalo logo lights up. Gabriel has a hard time taking the burden of the 5 powers. Roarr smiles.

But after a while, Monarch straightens up, giving Roarr a demonic smile as he heads for a new cage...

83 MONARCH (CONT'D)
And of course, I will be elusive. Kaalki, your power is now mine.

Placed against the cage, the ring with the horse logo lights up.

84 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Voyage!

Thanks to the power of Migration, he opens a portal and rushes through it.

Once Monarch has left the lair, the kwamis let their anxiety explode.

85 DAIZZI
What can we do, Sass?

86 SASS
Nothing, I'm afraid, Daizzi.

13 **INT. BOILER ROOM**

The student Resistance council has gathered around Nino in the boiler room of the school. Solemnly, he takes stock of the situation.

87 NINO
We never knew who Ladybug and Cat Noir were, and we never will.
(Nino sets off some heroic music.)
Today, we pay tribute to them. The Miraculous having been passed on to two new holders doesn't change anything. For our support isn't a matter of people, but one of principle. And that principle is called Freedom! Speaking of which, Comrade Beurre Maître d'Hôtel (he points to Alya) is about to change the Ladyblog into the Scarablog and do a story on the new superheroes to show our support!

Alya nods, forcing a casual smile.
Nino turns off the heroic music.

INSERT ON Marinette and Adrien listening, sitting next to each other (with some distance between them, they're not glued to each other). Adrien whispers dreamily:

88 ADRIEN
I wonder what happened to Ladybug...

89 MARINETTE
I hope Cat Noir is okay...

Moved, Adrien grabs her hand affectionately, as if to try and reassure her.

90 ADRIEN
I'm sure he is.

The contact startles Marinette. She pulls her hand away by reflex.

Zoe has picked up on them. She watches them with interest.

Nino goes on, highlighting Max and his robot Markov.

91 NINO
Thanks to Max and Markov, we've finally set up the anti-akumatization system. Markov has installed an app on your Alliances or smartphones. You can activate it if you see someone being akumatized.

Nino demonstrates with his own Alliance, pulling up a hologram of the app with a big red button.

92 NINO (CONT'D)
If you press here, a signal is sent to this box...

He points to the box in the center of a table.

93 NINO (CONT'D)
...which broadcasts the warning music, written by Kitty Section, throughout the school.

Nino winks at the members of Kitty Section as he presses the button. An excerpt of the music starts to play, but the school bell suddenly RINGS.

Nino turns off the music. Max is already getting to his feet.

94 MAX
For every minute we're late to the cafeteria we have a 30% less chance of getting fries!

The kids all run off. Only Nino and Alya stay behind to clean the room. Nino shares his disappointment with her:

95 NINO
Why weren't we picked? We clearly rocked as Rena Rouge and Carapace... right?
(a beat, then, in love, to Alya.)
You'd have made an awesome Ladybug!

Alya forces herself to lie to him.

96 ALYA
It's better this way. We would've had to lie to each other to protect our secret identities.

Nino misinterprets Alya's closed expression. Trying to cheer her up, he gives her a kiss.

97 NINO
Well, it's okay. You don't have to be super to be my hero!

As he heads towards the door, Alya glances at Tikki, hiding in her belt bag, and heaves a sigh, saddened she had to lie to Nino.

Once all the kids have left the room, we find out that Monarch was there, in invisible mode. He becomes visible again, and de-activates the system set up by Nino, cutting the wires of the box placed on the table in the boiler room.

98 MONARCH
All I have to do now is wait for a negative emotion. This shouldn't take long, in a school.
(A beat)
Multitude!

He multiplies. There are now **5 mini Monarchs.**

99 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Sublimation!

With the invocation, he turns invisible again.

14 **INT. CAFETERIA - DAY**

At the cafeteria, Zoe places an abnormally large amount of cheese on her tray. She secretly gives some to Plagg, hiding in her bag.

100 PLAGG
Aaaah! Never before has pasteurization tasted so much like freedom!

Zoe smiles. No one notices what she's doing...

...except the two invisible mini-Monarchs who are now tracking her. (Staging note: we can see them because, when we switch to their POV, everything's in black & white except the mini-Monarchs, who stay in color.)

Two more mini-Monarchs are tailing Alya.

A fifth watches the cafeteria, ready to send a Megakuma.

Meanwhile, Adrien heads towards another table and gallantly pulls out a chair for Marinette. For once, she doesn't run away.

101 MARINETTE
Thanks, Adrien.

As Adrien sits across from her, we see that they're alone at a table, in the middle of the cafeteria, as if it had been booked for them. All the other kids are looking at them like they're watching a riveting movie. Silence.

Marinette sees her friends waving that everything's going to be alright.

Adrien is just as uncomfortable as Marinette. It's an important moment for the two of them.

102 ADRIEN
Did you see, today's lunch salad is a heart of palm!

103 MARINETTE
Yes, palms -- they remind me of the beach...

104 ADRIEN
What about hearts? Do they remind you of something?

105 MARINETTE
Of course, they do... they remind me of... the heart of the beach!

A little further away, Lila sits down next to Chloe, faking ingenuousness.

106 LILA
You're very generous to let Marinette get so close to Adrien. *
You've known him since... kindergarten, right?

Chloe bugs out.

107 CHLOE
Generous? What does that mean?

Chloe turns on her Alliance.

108 CHLOE (CONT'D)
Alliance, define generous.

109 HOLOGRAM ADRIEN
I'm having trouble understanding your question.

110 CHLOE
Rha, that thing doesn't work!!! Sabrina!

Sabrina turns on her own ring.

111 SABRINA
Alliance, please define "generous".

Hearing the magic word, the Adrien hologram on Sabrina’s ring answers:

112 HOLOGRAMME ADRIEN
Giving freely and lavishly.

113 CHLOE
Lavishly? Freely? Eww. There is no way I’m being generous.
(looking determined)
I am going to destroy Dupain Cheng!

Lila gives a faint smile.

Meanwhile, Adrien’s hand is moving closer to Marinette’s. Marinette herself tries to push her hand toward Adrien’s, using her other hand for support, as if it was being held back by some unseen force. (Note: video available for reference)

Adrien is worried:

114 ADRIEN
Are you okay, Marinette? If you’re not ready, you don’t have to...

Marinette insists (cartoonishly), pulling on her hand, determined:

115 MARINETTE
No, I can do this!

116 ADRIEN
You know, we can just be friends, if you’d prefer.

Marinette shoots from the hip:

117 MARINETTE
No, no, I don’t want to be friends with you!

Adrien’s face falls.

118 ADRIEN
Oh, I see...

119 MARINETTE
No! I didn’t mean it like that! My hand will obey me! Humpf!

She strains so much to get her hand to reach Adrien’s that she ends up falling from her chair. Chloe shows up at that moment, right next to Marinette.

120 CHLOE
So, baker girl, finally back where you belong? Crawling at my feet, of course!

Adrien's got to his feet to help Marinette up. He faces Chloe down.

121 ADRIEN
Chloe, go back to your seat, please.

Adrien reaches out to Marinette. She grabs his hand. He helps her get up and sit down.

This annoys Chloe, who hasn't moved.

122 CHLOE
Don’t be so nice to the baker girl, Adri-kins, you’re giving her false hope! Because you know what?
(rolling her eyes)
No, you'll never guess, it's so ridiculous!
(then, staring at Adrien)
Marinette Dupain Cheng is... in love with you!

Adrien remains calm and sits back opposite Marinette.

123 ADRIEN
Invading other people’s privacy is really mean, Chloe.

Alya gets up at the back of the cafeteria.

124 ALYA
Leave'm alone, Chloe.

But Chloe stays there and turns to the rest of the kids in the cafeteria, looking for approval:

125 CHLOE
A baker girl who thinks she's good enough to be with a rich and famous model. What a joke! It’s funny, right...
(looking for Sabrina)
Sabrina!

Even Sabrina is feeling awkward.

126 SABRINA
(very low)
Yes, very funny, Chloe.

But no one laughs, not even Sabrina. Mylene steps in, standing up next to Alya:

127 MYLENE
That's enough, Chloe.

But Chloe doesn’t want to lose face: everyone is watching her.

The camera zooms in on Zoe as she glances at Plagg, hidden in her bag.

128 CHLOE
You’re not laughing because she's missing something. A piece of humble pie! Get it? Cuz she's a baker girl?

Chloe grabs the piece of pie on Marinette’s tray, but she’s immediately stopped in her tracks: Zoe has blocked Chloe’s hand. She takes the pie from her hands -- slowly -- and puts it back on Marinette’s tray.

129 CHLOE (CONT'D)
Should I call Mom and have you sent back to the hole you should never have crawled out of?

But Zoe doesn't let go of Chloe and instead pulls her by the arm, all the way back to her seat...

130 CHLOE (CONT'D)
You can pack your bags.

131 ZOE
Maybe I'll go back to New York, maybe not. But what's for sure is that *you're* going back to your seat and leaving Marinette alone!

132 CHLOE
(pointing to Marinette)
You're worse than her!

Zoe's authority makes Chloe sit down again. The cafeteria explodes in applause. Chloe turns to the kids, acting unoffended:

133 CHLOE (CONT'D)
(pointing to Zoe and Marinette in turns)
And you all -- you're even worse than they are! I'll crush you all!

Zoe sees Marinette give her a grateful smile. Zoe can't believe she's just done that.

The fifth, invisible Monarch senses Chloe's negative emotion.

134 MINI MONARCH #5
Dear Chloe's humiliation is exactly what I need.

He opens his cane from which a Megakuma, already shaped, flies away.

135 MINI MONARCH #5 (CONT'D)
Fly, my Megakuma!

Sabrina sees the Megakuma enter Chloe's sunglasses.

136 SABRINA
Chloe's about to get akumatized!!!

The members of the Resistance exchange looks with Nino.

137 MYLENE
What do we do?

Nino is categorical:

138 NINO
The Resistance has only one enemy... Monarch!

He opens the anti-akumatization app on his Alliance and pushes the button.

Nothing happens. Alya does the same, Max too.

139 MAX
It’s not working!

Mini Monarch #5 contacts Chloe.

140 MINI MONARCH #5
Sole Destroyer, I am Monarch.

We can't hear the rest of the discussion between Monarch and Chloe. Back to the point of view of the students (including Marinette and Adrien) who see **Chloe transform into Sole Destroyer.**
In a few super nimble movements, she quickly makes her first victims. Hit by the evil pumps, Mylene, then Max are transformed into pumps that start singing Chloe's praises. (The pumps have eyes and a mouth, that's right!!!)

141 PUMPS
Chloe, you’re so pretty
I’m just a shoe, what a pity! *
Sole Destroyer is your name
Crushing us is your vile game.

142 SOLE DESTROYER
Haha! Soon you'll all be at my feet!!!

The mini-Monarchs are delighted.

143 MINI MONARCHS (TOGETHER)
Our plan is in motion!
(A beat)
Fall in!

The fifth Monarch merges with one of the two following Zoe. The last two follow Alya.

The schoolgirls separately take advantage of the panic to leave the cafeteria. Marinette (who runs away with Adrien) notices Alya going to the bathroom (staging note: Marinette can't see the invisible villains following Alya).

Sole Destroyer targets Marinette.

144 SOLE DESTROYER
Don't run, Dupain Cheng. I'll help you finally find a shoe that fits!
Hahahah!

But Marinette and Adrien make it out, fighting together.

15 **CROSS-CUT - BATHROOMS / LOCKER ROOM - DAY**

Zoe reaches the locker room. Plagg comes out of the bag.

145 PLAGG
Your intervention had as much character as a gourmet camembert! Feels good, doesn't it?

146 ZOE
I wish it didn't have to come to this, but I didn't have a choice.
(A beat.)
Plagg, claws--

Before she can finish her sentence, the two Monarchs who were following her paralyze her with their spinning tops.

147 MINI MONARCHS 1 & 2 (TOGETHER)
Venom!

Zoe and Plagg are frozen. One of the Monarchs seizes Zoe’s ring (her Miraculous).

148 MINI MONARCH #1
One down!

The same thing happens to Alya, who was about to transform in the bathroom.

149 ALYA
Tikki, spots--

Before she can finish her sentence, the two Monarchs who were following her paralyze her with their spinning tops.

150 MINI MONARCHS #3 & #4 (TOGETHER)
Venom!

Alya and Tikki are frozen. One of the Monarchs seizes the earrings (her Miraculous).

151 MINI MONARCHS #3
Two down!

Next, each duo of Monarchs opens a portal and steps inside.

MINI MONARCH #1 & #2
Voyage!

MINI MONARCH #3 & #4
Voyage!

16 **EXT. ARENES DE LUTECE - DAY**

The 4 Mini Monarchs meet in the center of the deserted Arènes de Lutèce. They become visible again and merge.

152 MINI MONARCHS
Fall in!

Now one again, Monarch puts the earrings on, then the ring. It's a solemn moment.

153 MONARCH
I've waited long enough for this moment.
(MORE)

MONARCH (CONT'D)
My wish is within my grasp...

He un-freezes the kwamis.

154 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Nooroo, Tikki, Plagg...

As soon as he sees him, Plagg stops him from saying the magic transformation words by throwing a punch.

But it has no effect.

155 TIKKI
What's going on?

156 PLAGG
Quick, fly away!

But Monarch knows that the magic words will keep them from escaping him. He goes on. Relentless. Confident.

157 MONARCH
Nooroo, Tikki, Plagg, unify!

Plagg and Tikki are irresistibly pulled backwards.

But they resist the attraction as hard as they can.

158 PLAGG
I'll take care of Monarch!

159 TIKKI
But there’s nothing you can do against him!

160 PLAGG
Not against him. But he wasn’t wearing our Miraculous when he made himself invulnerable.

Tikki understands what Plagg is about to do.

161 TIKKI
You can’t do that, Plagg!

162 PLAGG
Don’t worry, Sugarcube, we’ll see each other again! You know that you and I are one. Do your Lucky Charm for Ladybug!

163 TIKKI
You mean Scarabella?

164 PLAGG
No, Ladybug.

Still resisting the attraction, Tikki concentrates.

165 TIKKI
Lucky Charm!

The magic ladybugs fly into the sky and the Lucky Charm is formed**: a pair of red ice tongs with black spots.**

From the sky, the Lucky Charm falls on the roof of a bus. CUT. The bus stops at a red light. The Lucky Charm slides from the roof and lands on the back of a pigeon which takes flight.

BACK TO - Tikki, who can’t resist any longer and is absorbed into the earrings on Monarch's ears. Plagg is about to be absorbed into his jewel too. But just before he is, he triggers a...

166 PLAGG
Cataclysm!

He touches the ring of the Black Cat worn by Monarch (which still hasn't amalgamated). A gigantic magic explosion engulfs the whole neighborhood of the Arènes de Lutèce.

INSERT - The deflagration shakes Paris so hard it causes the pigeon to wobble in mid-flight. As a result, the ice tongs slip from the back of the bird and fall down...

17 **EXT. SCHOOL / YARD - DAY**

The deflagration also shakes the school. Everyone is knocked to the ground. While Marinette is on the ground, the pair of Lucky Charm ice tongs fall into her hands.

167 MARINETTE
(to herself)
A Lucky Charm?

Without even thinking, she hides them and checks around her: no one saw her.

168 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
(to herself)
Alya...

She calls Alya on her smartphone.

18 **EXT. ARENES DE LUTECE - DAY**

The magical explosion dissipates. Lying at the center of a huge crater, Monarch comes to and looks at the ring, stunned: it is crisscrossed by glowing green cracks. The cracks go out. The Miraculous disintegrates into black particles. Plagg is gone. Tikki comes out of the earring, apparently affected. She sees the apocalyptic landscape around them. Monarch compels the kwami to obey him:

169 MONARCH
You stay here.

A magical FX runs through Tikki. She can't get away. And Monarch remains Monarch.

19 **EXT. SCHOOL / YARD - DAY**

Marinette sees Eiffel and Montparnasse Towers sprouting up in an anarchic manner all around the school while the ground and the walls crack. Not far from her, she hears Adrien and Nino:

170 NINO
Dude, why aren't the new superheroes here already? What's going on?

171 ADRIEN
They're probably busy somewhere else in Paris...

Sharing their concern, Marinette listens to Alya's voicemail.

172 ALYA (ON PHONE)
Hi, you've reached me, so leave me a message and stay connected!

Marinette hangs up, worried, then makes the most of no one seeing her to sneak out towards...

20 **INT. SCHOOL / BATHROOMS - DAY**

...the bathrooms, where she finds a stall with its door closed. She calls out from the door.

173 MARINETTE
Alya?

No answer. She looks under the door and sees Alya's feet. Motionless. Marinette sneaks under the door and finds her best friend frozen. Marinette looks at the Lucky Charm that fell from the sky in her hand. She starts to think, talking out loud to her best friend (frozen).

174 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Okay. You're frozen, untransformed, and Eiffel Towers are sprouting around Paris. And, I'm the one with the Lucky Charm.... which means Tikki unleashed the power herself... the situation must be desperate, otherwise she wouldn't have done this.

Marinette thinks for a beat, looks around... and sees that the bathroom door is locked.

175 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
You didn't have time to react. The door is locked from the inside, so trapping you would have required the power of teleportation.
(understanding)
Oh no. Monarch.

Marinette looks concerned.

21 **EXT. SCHOOL / YARD - DAY**

Meanwhile, Adrien and Nino hide in the courtyard from where they see Sole Destroyer continuing to chase students, whom she transforms into pumps.

176 ADRIEN
Where'd Marinette go?

177 NINO
And Alya!? Dude, they must have been hit by Sole Destroyer.

An alert goes off on Adrien's smartphone. He turns it on. We see Monarch, filmed by the TV helicopter. Clara Contard is reporting live with Nadja Chamack.

178 CLARA CONTARD (ON SCREEN)
Monarch appears to be alone, Nadja...

The camera zooms in... we can see that he's wearing the earrings. Adrien understands.

179 ADRIEN
What if our superheroes don't turn up?

180 NINO
Then that leaves the Resistance, Comrade Mayo!

181 ADRIEN
You're right, Comrade Ketchup!

22 **CROSS-CUT - VARIOUS / CRATER - DAY**

Marinette is at home, in her room. She gathers several items: a sport suit, her scooter helmet, a regular pair of ice tongs, a tube of red paint and a tube of black paint.

At the same moment, Monarch and Tikki realize that monuments are springing up at random while buildings crack and collapse.

182 MONARCH
(to Tikki)
What's happening? And where's Plagg?

Tikki is reluctant to talk.

183 MONARCH (CONT'D)
I order you to answer me.

A magical FX runs through Tikki. She's compelled.

184 TIKKI
When Plagg cataclysmed his Miraculous, the ring...

As Tikki speaks (OFF), we see Marinette driving across a deserted Paris on her scooter.

185 TIKKI (CONT'D)
It caused a shutdown of all communication with the human world.

We see Marinette hiding in an isolated place not far from the crater. Closing the full visor of her helmet, she is now unrecognizable (Cf. disguise in episode *Feast*, season 3).

186 TIKKI (CONT'D)
No one can have control over Plagg, now.

Marinette finds a hiding place from where she can witness the end of the exchange between Tikki and Monarch.

187 MONARCH
I need both Miraculous to make my wish. How do I bring the ring and the kwami to me?

188 TIKKI
You just need to repair everything by tossing the Lucky Charm in the air and saying the magic words.

189 MONARCH
Where is the Lucky Charm? I command you to tell me.

INSERT ON - Marinette pulling the Lucky Charm from her bag.

Tikki can't lie.

190 TIKKI
I entrusted it to the Universe. It is where it is supposed to be. But I don’t know where that is.

The helmeted Marinette chooses this moment to show herself.

191 MARINETTE IN DISGUISE
I'm here Tikki, everything's going to be okay.

192 MONARCH
Ladybug? I thought I was done with you.

193 MARINETTE IN DISGUISE
I'm afraid your dreams haven't come true yet, Monarch.

194 MONARCH
You no longer have any powers. Your earrings and your kwami are mine now.

195 MARINETTE IN DISGUISE
But you have a problem. By using their powers without a holder, the kwamis have triggered a series of events that will destroy Paris and then the world if I don't call up my *Miraculous Ladybug*. And only the person with the Lucky Charm can do it.

She takes the Lucky Charm out of her bag.

196 LADYBUG
You need to give back my earrings and Tikki so I can fix everything.

197 MONARCH
This will also fix Cat Noir's ring, won't it?

198 MARINETTE IN DISGUISE
Yes.

199 MONARCH
In that case... Voyage!

He teleports up to her in a flash. He seizes the ice tongs and pushes her with one move. The disguised Ladybug falls.

200 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Nooroo, Tikki, Unify!

Monarch transforms into Monarbug in front of Marinette on the ground.

201 MONARBUG
Watch me make my dreams come true!
(He tosses the ice tongs in the air)
Miraculous Monarbug!

Nothing happens. The tongs fall to the ground.

202 MARINETTE IN DISGUISE
Impressive! Ha!

The disguised Ladybug is already lunging at his neck, trying to snatch the earrings from him.

As he struggles to shake her off, Monarch charges the power of the bee:

203 MONARBUG
Venom!

He is about to freeze the disguised Ladybug when...

...the Resistance bursts in.

204 THE RESISTANCE
Charge!!!!!

Nino sacrifices himself.

205 NINO
Stop him, comrades!

He gets paralyzed instead of Ladybug.

Wearing masks (as in episode *Frightningale*) and wielding fantasy sauce-firing bottles in every color, the members of the Resistance take Monarbug by storm

206 RESISTANCE
Hyyyaaaaaa!!!!!!!!!!

Comrade Cocktail (Rose) and Agent Grand Veneur (Juleka) use the tied-up Sole Destroyer to threaten Monarbug.

207 COMRADE COCKTAIL / ROSE
Let go of her or we'll turn you into singing shoes! *

Monarbug resists. The girls are getting dangerously close... He has no choice – he pushes away Ladybug in disguise and snaps his fingers.

A white butterfly comes out of the glasses and Sole Destroyer becomes Chloe again, still held between Rose and Juleka's arms, holding her like a ram.

208 CHLOE
Huh? What in the... let *go* of me!!!

This diversion allows Comrade Mayo (Adrien) to seize the earrings. **Monarbug instantly turns back into Monarch.**

Adrien himself gives her Miraculous back to the disguised Ladybug on the ground...

209 COMRADE MAYO (ADRIEN)
You're up, Ladybug!

210 MARINETTE IN DISGUISE
Thanks, comrade!

She puts on her earrings and...

211 MARINETTE IN DISGUISE (CONT'D)
Tikki, spots on!

Tikki goes back into the jewel, and **Marinette in disguise turns into Ladybug.**

For the first time ever, Ladybug faces Monarch. (Note: she discovers that he has a ring on each finger, with the Miraculous logos on them.)

Making the most of the element of surprise created by the Resistance, with its members holding Monarch, she pulls out the real Lucky Charm pair of ice tongs she had in her bag, and tosses it in the air.

212 LADYBUG
Miraculous Ladybug!

The magical ladybugs fix the apocalypse.

Plagg reappears, along with the ring/Miraculous which is reconstituted around Monarch’s finger. Making the most of the element of surprise and using the fake ice tongs she created herself, which Monarch left on the ground, Ladybug removes Cat Noir’s ring from his finger.

213 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Welcome to my reality, Monarch!

Looking at the rings on Monarch's finger...

214 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
You reconfigured the Miraculous?

Ladybug immediately tries to get another ring... but Monarch breaks free from the grip of the students/Resistance fighters.

215 MONARCH
Voyage!

Monarch teleports behind Ladybug.

216 MONARCH (CONT'D)
I'm more powerful than you'll ever be, Ladybug.

They start trading blows in an intense duel.

217 LADYBUG
Until I get the Miraculous back!

Monarch is bigger and has more powers... but Ladybug is aided by her friends in the Resistance, who disrupt the duel.

218 MONARCH
You can't win, Ladybug. It's just a matter of time... You won't always have someone to help you!

Feeling that the tide is turning against him...

219 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Voyage!

Monarch disappears through a teleportation portal.

On her guard, Ladybug stays with Plagg, Cat Noir's ring in her hand, surrounded by the Resistance... including Nino, who’s still frozen, and Adrien. Monarch doesn't reappear.

23 **INT. LAIR**

Back in his lair, Monarch is furious.

220 MONARCH
Dark wings fall!

He transforms back into Gabriel. In her cage, Roarr smiles.

24 **INSERT**

INSERT - back at the school, Zoe and Alya unfreeze.

25 **EXT. ARENES DE LUTECE - DAY**

At the Arènes de Lutèce, Nino's no longer frozen. Ladybug helps Rose to her feet.

221 LADYBUG
Is anybody hurt?

222 COMRADE COCKTAIL / ROSE
No, I'm fine. Thanks Ladybug.

223 LADYBUG
No, thank you!

224 COMRADE KETCHUP / NINO
You can always count on us!

Ladybug and the members of the Resistance (including Adrien) share a victorious pound-it.

225 LADYBUG / RESISTANTS
Pound it!

26 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - EVENING**

Marinette is in her room with Plagg, Tikki and Alya.

226 TIKKI
How did Monarch manage to discover the secret identities of the holders we chose so quickly?

227 PLAGG
I'm sure we didn't make a mistake!

228 TIKKI
We're going to have to find new holders...

But Marinette interrupts them:

229 MARINETTE
We don't know how Monarch did it, but we do know that he doesn't know who Ladybug and Cat Noir are, otherwise we would have lost long ago.

Tikki knows where Marinette is getting at.

230 TIKKI
But if you take your Miraculous back, then you'll no longer be able to have your love story! And you'll be sad again...

Moved, Marinette hugs Tikki.

231 MARINETTE
But we will win, Tikki, I know we will.

Marinette gives the ring to Plagg and tells him:

232 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Go and give this back to Cat Noir!

27 **INT. ZOE'S ROOM - PALACE - EVENING**

Plagg first flies to the Palace, where he meets Zoe, who apologizes profusely for being defeated so quickly.

233 ZOE
Chloe was right, I'm ridiculous!

234 PLAGG
You're not! You were fantastic! What you did in the cafeteria was heroic, and you weren't even wearing a superhero suit! Don't ever let anyone step over you again, Zoe. From now on, you call the shots!

Moved, Zoe gives a hug to Plagg... who lets her do it, also moved. CUT TO

28 **INT. ADRIEN'S ROOM - EVENING**

Adrien puts the ring/Miraculous back on his finger. He bumps fists with Plagg.

POSTER PAINT - On one side: Marinette and her kwami Tikki. On the other side: Adrien and his kwami Plagg. In the center, Monarch, surrounded by all the kwamis in the lair.

29 **POST CREDIT SCENE / EXT. PARIS - ROOFTOP - NIGHT**

Against the backdrop of a magnificent view of Paris at night, Ladybug and Cat Noir meet.

235 LADYBUG
I feel like there's only one formula that works, kitten...

236 CAT NOIR
I guess so. You and me against Monarch!

237 LADYBUG
You, me, our kwamis and the Resistance! Without them, Monarch would have won today!

They bump fists...

238 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
To our kwamis!

239 CAT NOIR
And the Resistance!

END OF EPISODE